



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

31st October, 2013

2013 Term 4

Continue
HSC Exams

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Mid Term Break
Friday 8th November
Monday 11th November

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**Year 12
Celebration Dinner**
Wednesday 13th November

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**Schools Spectacular-
Sydney**
Monday 25th-Saturday 30th
November

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Year 9 Excursion
2.12.13—6.12.13

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MADD Night
Monday 9th December

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Rainbow Rewards Day
Thursday 12th December

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Presentation Day
Monday 16th December
2pm
School MPC

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2013 School Year ends
Wednesday 18th December

**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety



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Deputy Principal Conference

Thursday and Friday we hosted the Western Region Deputy Principal Conference. All were impressed with the grounds and the students of our school. It is wonderful to hear such positive comments from Deputy Principals from other schools.

School on Time

It is important for all students to arrive at school on time. They need to be there for their learning but it also creates a huge amount of work for the office staff. Please encourage all students to be on time.

Student Representative Council

The SRC has come up with a new organisation for collecting Rambands. They even invented a system of cards to overcome the lack of blue rambands. It is wonderful to see such innovation and involvement from the SRC

Year 11 Hospitality

Thank you to Ms Muldoon and the Year 11 Hospitality class who have done the catering for the Deputy Principal Conference. They did themselves and the school proud. It is also valuable for the students because they accrue some of the compulsory work placement hours by doing the catering. See photos on page one.

Year 11 Construction

The Year 11 Construction class have also been busy doing concreting at the school. Once again this enables them to gain competencies and also benefits the school.

Uniform

Please remind your students to wear their black leather shoes. It is a Work, Health and Safety issue. There are numerous subjects that they cannot participate in if they do not have the correct footwear.

Mid-Term Break

Friday 8th November and Monday 11th November are our mid-term break. Students do not come to school on these days.

Vocational Education Teachers

Our VET teachers have been very busy updating their qualifications so that they can continue to teach the subjects. Thank you to the staff concerned for their dedication.

Teacher Vacancies

Mr Matthew Koppler has been appointed to our school for 2014 to teach Mathematics. He is coming from Sydney and is excited about living and working in Cobar.

The English vacancy will be filled through Merit Selection in the next few weeks.

Executive Staff:

Principal: Sue Francisco
Deputy Principal: Shane Carter
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie
Head Teacher Mathematics/PDHPE: Megan Hamblin
Head Teacher Science/TAS: Andrew Watts
Head Teacher HSIE: John Carswell
Head Teacher Mentor: Peter Luck
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

Year Advisers 2013

Year 6: Doug Armstrong
Year 7: Amie Jacklin
Year 8: Cassandra Locke
Year 9: Benn Wright
Year 10: Todd Fugar
Year 11: Chris Marshall
Year 12: Bianka Jacobson
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell

What's happening in HSIE.

Students from Years 7-10 in HSIE have been preparing for their Yearly Exams, which is to be completed in Week 5. Senior Modern History students are applying themselves with dedication in their first term of their HSC Year completing core study 1: World War I.

Year 10 have been looking at the ranging environments scattered across the Australian continent. They have been discussing ways of maintaining these diverse regions, whilst also looking at Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal conservation methods.

Students in Year 9 have looked at the Great War and WWII in great detail. A particular focus has been on the Australian experience, both home and abroad.

Year 8 are learning about Aboriginal Australians and their link with the land: past and present.

Our focus this Newsletter is what Year 7 have been doing in the classroom. This semester Year 7 have looked at the Water Cycle, World Heritage sites, Climate Graphs and identifying the Continents, Oceans and Countries of the World. Shown in the picture, to the right, are students trying to finish their activity before the stopwatch elapses. This is providing students with not only an opportunity to review the work they have done this semester, but also developing their organising skills and ability to pace themselves according to the time limits that apply to the Yearly Exam. It is up to the students to continue these great study habits at home. Parents don't be shy to quiz them!

Here are some questions for you parents! Do you know the answer to them? Your children might have to help you.

1. Name the four stages of the Water Cycle
2. List two Cultural World Heritage sites and two Natural World Heritage sites
3. How do you work out the temperature range on a Climate Graph?
4. What is another word for precipitation?
5. Can you name three Asian countries?

Nolan Matthews
HSIE



Cobar High School supports the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis [NSDP]

How do you detect Scoliosis? Simply look for it! It only takes 30 seconds! Just read the brochure that Year 7 & 9 girls have recently received 'Adolescent Scoliosis Spinal Curvature- The National Self-Detection Program.'

Angus Gray from the Spine Society of Australia states, 'Scoliosis [spine curvature] is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment [spine brace or surgery]. Because in the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure.'

The brochure given out to Years 7 & 9 girls, is also available for everyone on the website mentioned below, together with more information and forums regarding advice on Scoliosis. www.scoliosis-australia.org

Leanne Carswell
Girls Adviser

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

2013 Cross Country

On Friday 13th September, Cobar High held its Cross Country in near perfect conditions. Students participated in either the competitive (running) or non competitive (walking / shorter) course.

The results this year were very close with Chesney coming in 1st on 27points and both Fort Bourke and Great Cobar sharing 2nd place on 25. Occidental finished on 17points.

Congratulations to our Age Champions:

u/12	Summer-Rose Stingemore
u/13	Brianna Bastian
u/14	Taylah Good
u/15	Kahlie Obray
u/16	
u/17	Atlanta Rorke

Jakob Brown
Nick Buckman
Quinton Place
Mallick Grentell
Jeremy McKellar

Quinton Place was first to complete the 6km run with a time of 29min, 11secs.



Parents of students going into Year 7 in 2014

Orientation evening @
Cobar High School,
on 28th November 2013,
in the
CHS Performance Workshop,
Commencing 6.00pm

Ex Principal returns to Cobar High for a visit.

Jim Rutherford was Cobar High Schools Principal when it moved from Cobar Public School to our present location. Jim was Principal at Cobar High from 1963 and left at the end of 1967.

During the visit he attended the Year 12 Presentation Assembly and Morning Tea where he caught up with a number of staff, students and ex students.

He was impressed with the look of the school. He recalled his time in Cobar as Principal and the people he met both at the school and in the community.



**Blue Light
DISCO**

01.11.13 6.00-8.30 PM

COBAR YOUTH CENTRE

ALL AGES (UNDER 18's)

FREE ENTRY

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by officers of the NSW Police Force.

www.pycnsw.org.au



Cobar Market Day

3rd Saturday of Every Month

Next Market Day 16th November

*Jumping Castle, Live Music in the Rotunda,
lots of family fun for everyone*



*New to the Market Day: Jelly
cakes, spring rolls, bacon &
egg rolls, children's clothes,
ladies clothes, homemade
goods, plus much much
more.....*

Venue: Drummond Park,
Cobar

Time: 9am to 2.30pm

Student medical forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.



Assessments Due Week 5

Year 7:	Science-Topic Test
Year 8:	HSIE-Yearly Test
Year 9:	English Australian History
Year 10:	Australian Geography

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 6th November
11:30am

Cobar High School
School Common Room

All Welcome

PBL **Vision Statement**

*"Cobar High School strives for
excellence in a
safe and respectful
environment".*

What's On - Week 5 & 6 Term 4

Year 12: Higher School Certificate Exams continue

Tuesday 5th November:	Tafe; Dubbo: Electrical
Wednesday 6th November:	Tafe; Dubbo: Electrical Xsel Residential
Thursday 7th November:	Xsel Residential SPC Professional Learning: S Francisco
Friday 8th November:	Mid Term Break
Monday 11th November:	Mid Term Break
Wednesday 13th November:	Year 12 Celebration Dinner
Thursday 14th November:	Year 7 (2014) Orientation: 11am-1.40pm

LOST PROPERTY

**We have a number
of lost hoodies, jumpers,
shorts, shirts etc.**

**If your student has lost any
clothing this semester
remind them to enquire at
the Front Office.**

**Clothing that was labelled
with student's name have
had the clothing returned
to them.**